IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: : Martin M. Browne Filed : Feb. 3, 2005

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Examiner: : Theodore J. Stigell

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Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT

Sir

In response to the Office Action of January 8, 2009, a response to which is due July 8, 2009 with a petition for a three-month extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Applicants hereby Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response for three (3) months from April 8, 2009 through July 8, 2009. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$1110.00 to Deposit Account No. 502-665

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.16(j) or 37 CFR 1.136(a) which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502-665 in the name of GE Healthcare, Inc.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.